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The Holton Reunion

The Holton Family Association held its first reunion since the beginning of the war at the hotel and Chateau on Saturday, September 7, and a large number of members were present. There was a dinner and business session and visits were made to various places made prominent by early descendants, among them the birthplace of D. L. Moody, the Northfield schools and the Holton homestead. Rev. C. Leonard Holton, of Springfield, was again chosen as president; Fred A. Holton, first vice-president; A. Gordon Moody, second vice-president; Miss Helma Holton, of Cambridge, secretary; George A. Holton, of Pelham Manor, N. Y., treasurer. Miss Daisy Holton, Ernest Holton, of New York city; Dr. Richard Holton and Major G. Herbert Holton, of New York, directors. Miss Harriet Schofield, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the historian for the association. The founder of the family was William Holton who came to America from England and settled in Hartford in 1634. He moved to Northampton and was a founder and deacon of the First Congregational Church, in which later Jonathan Edwards was the preacher.

Among his descendants were President Timothy Dwight, of Yale; Rev. Justin Edwards, president of Andover Theological Seminary and leader in the temperance movement; Rev. Lyman Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, Gen. Phineas Lyman, leader in the French and Indian War, and Gen. Seth Pomeroy of Revolutionary fame; Edward Everett Hale and Nathan Hale, the martyr of the Revolution; Gov. Silas Wright of New York, and the evangelist, Dwight L. Moody.

OUR POLIO CASES

The town was startled two weeks ago during the week end when it was discovered that there were found to be two cases of polio which were pronounced as mild cases later. Alfred Aldrich, 24, a returned war veteran, and David Randall, 15, both of West Northfield, were removed to the isolation hospital at Greenfield. Both Dr. Dean and Dr. True took the situation well in hand and Dr. M. B. Low, of Greenfield, himself a cured victim, was placed in charge.

Schools were about to open but it was decided to postpone the same two weeks. Mount Hermon School opening was put off to September 18 and the School for Girls to September 15. Town Hall was ordered closed for public events and clubs and organizations omitted their regular meetings. Chairman Ernest A. Parker of the Selectmen who has charge of public health matters, feels now the situation is well in hand and no other cases have developed. The patients are improving at Greenfield and may return to their homes soon. There is no need for alarm but all are advised to be cautious and careful and upon the first sign of illness to call a physician.

L. Guy Tasker, cashier of the Vermont Peoples National Bank at Brattleboro, has been chosen as president of the bank to succeed the late Major C. Houghton. He will continue the most cordial relations with Northfield depositors.

Corp. Jackson Emery, son of Mrs. Martha Emery, of South Vernon, has received his discharge from the Air Corps and is now at his home.

The school of nursing of the Franklin County Hospital will graduate a class of fifteen on September 17. No Northfield girls are among the number.

Church Conference

The seventy-third annual session of the New York Conference of the Free Methodist Church met in Northfield from Wednesday, September 4, for a week with important business sessions, services and ordinations. The delegates included clergymen of the denomination and chosen members of churches in the territory from Philadelphia northward through the New England States, New Jersey and New York. Sessions were held in the local Unitarian Church and the delegates were provided for at Louise Andrews Camp of the Salvation Army, both fine gestures from other Christian fellowships. Bishop William Pearce, of Rochester, now in his 84th year, presided and there were ministers, district superintendents and missionaries who conducted special events. There were four candidates for ordination, among them the Rev. Helen D. Bassett of the local church. The meetings were open to the public and they proved very interesting to all who attended. The Free Methodist Church in Northfield is fundamental and making progress with its work. They should be extended the hand of Christian fellowship by our people.

CAREFUL OF BOOKS

In order to safeguard the patrons of the Dickinson Memorial Library the following regulation has been unanimously approved and made public by the secretary of trustees, Dr. Robert Bonner Jack. "That the trustees allow no book to be taken from the library by families where they have contagious diseases until a doctor's certificate is furnished stating that all danger of contagion is passed."

MISSIONARIES VISIT

Missionary representatives of the local Congregational Church in Vanda, India, are the Reverend and Mrs. Gifford H. Towle who now after a furlough in this country are returning. Mrs. Towle grew up in Northfield and Mr. Towle is a Hermon graduate. They visited here for a short time the week end of the 7th and on Saturday evening were greeted by many friends in the vestry of the church. A reception with refreshments was tendered and Mr. Towle displayed pictures of his work in India. On Sunday morning he was the speaker at the service of the church.

60 YEARS MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert A. Dunklee, of South Vernon, recently observed their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a family gathering but it did not deter friends and others from sending their greetings and well wishes to the couple. The church with which they are connected gave them a reception and there was a large attendance. They are well known to all in this section and everyone wishes them continued health and prosperity.

TOWN HALL MOVIES

Owing to the polio situation no movies have been shown in Town Hall for the past two weeks but will be resumed Friday evening, the 20th, when June Lang and Robert Kent will offer "For Love or Money." On Friday evening, the 27th, the movie "He's My Guy" with Joan Davis and Dick Foran will be seen. There will be some shorts and cartoons at both dates. Let's keep the movies going in Northfield by patronage.

Mrs. LaFell Dickinson, of Keene, president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, has returned from visit recently to Russia where with others she was the guest of the Soviet, the Red Cross and Crescent societies. She brings greetings to the members of all clubs and the assurance that Russian women don't want any more war.

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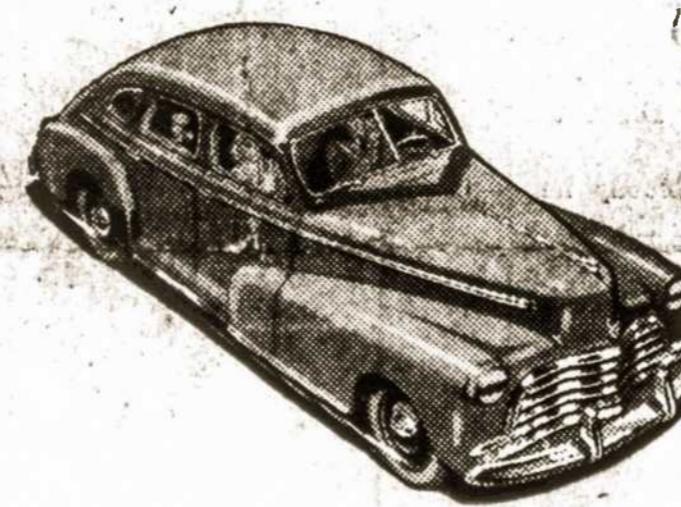


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